THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"LO A VOICE FROM HEAVEN"

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

Peace On Earth; Good Will Toward Men

Christ's Birthday

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn"—Luke 2:7

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

It begins with the evening of December 24th, called Christmas Eve; it is more particularly observed on December 25th. As to whether our Lord's Birthday really occurred on December 25th, ancient authorities are not agreed. Clement of Alexandria says that some think on April 20th, others May 20th. Epiphanius states that in Egypt they believe He was born January 6th. It is very evident that the celebration of His birth day was kept by the early Christians. Chrysostom in a Christmas sermon A. D. 386, says, "It is not ten years since this day was clearly known to us, but it has been known from the beginning to those who dwelt in the West." The whole Western church unanimously agreed upon this date, and the Eastern church adopted it without much contradiction.

The giving of presents was a Roman custom, while the yule tree and the yule log are remnants of old Teutonic worship. Gradually the festival sank into mere revelry in England and Scotland and in many other civil countries. Finally the festival custom was forbidden by an act of Parliment in 1555, and the reformation brought in a refinement of the celebration of Christmas by emphasizing its Christian elements. It is supposed that Christmas came from the Catholic mass. This is one of their big feast days; they have three masses on that day. Whether this is the correct day or not, all Christian people celebrate Christ's Birthday on this date. Augustus sat upon the throne of the Roman Empire. He issued a special edict that all the world should be taxed. This affected Palestine. All countries under Roman rule were set in motion. They were wending their way toward their native home for the purpose of registering preparatory for the great taxation. Mary and Joseph were included in this taxation. Their mode of travel in that day was by camel, asses, and on foot. Joseph and Mary lived at Nazareth, had made preparation and were off to their native land. We think of the large crowds as they travelled along, camping at different places. They finally reached Bethlehem, a distance of about one hundred miles. We think of them as being tired and dusty and needing a place to rest. We think of them as they reach the gate of the city; on arriving they found the place crowded. There was no friendly home open to welcome these worthy visitors. Imagine their discomfort, lodging in the place where they kept beasts. On that very night Mary brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. Possibly there was no one to help Mary and Joseph, so they dressed the child themselves. What an opportunity the people in that town had if they had only known it. Think of the Messiah being born in Bethlehem. The morning came and the people began to move about. The registration proceeded, but few knew at the start, of this great event. Joseph and Mary alone knew the secret. It was prophesied that, "thou Bethlehem in the land of Judah art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a governor that shall rule my people Israel. Augustus did not know that he was preparing to have prophecy fulfilled. The first to hear this glad news were the shepherds. They were abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. The angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. They were sore afraid and the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Think about these shepherds having the honor of receiving the first message from

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AN OPEN LETTER

As I have been receiving letters of inquiry in regard to my deceased husband, F. J. Lee, I would like to answer them thru the Church of God Evangel, the paper he loved so much.

Some have written to me asking if Brother Lee made any confession to A. J. Tomlinson. I will say he did not. He often told me he was sure he had pursued the right course, and had nothing to regret. Some have written it was circulated that Brother Lee sent for A. J. Tomlinson to confess to him and when he came, there was a man at the door who would not let him come in. I will say that this also is absolutely untrue. He never named Brother Tomlinson coming during his sickness and if he had ever come I am sure I would have known it. These reports are false. If Brother Tomlinson had come I am sure he could have come in to see him. While it is true, after he became too weak for company, he asked me not to let company in the room, and during our Assembly only a few went into his room.

Many prayers were prayed for him during his sickness and I often wonder why God took him, but I can only say the Lord's will be done.

It has also been reported that we had doctors with him. This also is untrue. He trusted the Lord to the end. I stayed by his bedside almost night and day and he continued to look to the Lord until the end. Among his last words were, "All is well with me. It is so sweet to be with Jesus." Everyone that knew Flavius knew him as a man of prayer. He delighted to pray for those who were sick or in trouble and to help those who were in need of help. More than once he made the remark concerning the Church Litigation that he felt sure he had pursued the right course, and had nothing to regret or any confession to make. He was a mar that prayed much. He spent many nights with but little sleep, praying. I am glad of the privilege to write these few lines that the minds of honest, innocent people may be cleared. Friends I desire your prayers, life is so lonely since Flavius went away. I desire your prayers that I may be able to raise my little boy for the Lord. I want him to live and die in the faith, as his father did.—Mrs. F. J. Lee.

23 SAVED

MUNCIE, Ind.—The writer has just closed a three weeks meeting at Clay City. Twenty-three were wonderfully saved from sin, eight sanctified and seven received the Holy Ghost. Our little girl, seven years old, was one among those who received the Holy Ghost. Four were baptized in water and five added to the church. Two wonderful healings were performed. One little girl with typhoid fever, pneumonia and brain fever was given up to die. I was called in to pray for her and she has improved much and is getting along fine. Another sister was healed of a stroke of paralysis. Plans were made to buy the Rose Chapel of that place for the Church of God.—Bertha G. Shideler.

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REVIVAL AT JONES CHAPEL

EUPORA, Miss. (Oct. 9)—Brother Nabors, of Fame, Miss. came over on Saturday night before the 2d Sunday in August, and started a meeting and the dear Lord blest from the start. Brothers Whit and Fowler joined us Sunday night, with helpers from Pisgah Springs and other places.

The work at this place had gone down, owing to so many of the members moving away, but the few of us still here are more determined to press on and hold out faithful to the end, for we're looking for the soon coming of Jesus. We see the signs appearing of His blessed coming, and we want to have on the robe of righteousness and be watching waiting and ready.

Please pray for the people around Jones Chapel.—Mrs. Willie Williams, Route 3.

LOOKING FOR GREAT THINGS

Oh, praise the Lord for His goodness to me! He is so precious to me just now. He will heal us when we get sick if we will just trust Him fully. I had eczema and I promised Him if He would heal me I would testify to it and He healed me completely.

I have been in this good way nearly eight years and I am perfectly satisfied with it. Praise Him for our little church! While we are a few in number the good Lord blesses us so that we feel like we are in a big camp meeting. I thank the Lord for our good pastor and faithful wife who are always in their place on time. With all working together in unity we are looking for great things from the Lord. Pray for us.—S. A. Cox, Dade City, Fla.

other year, as He has this one. Your brother in Christ.—A. C. Smith.

WE MEAN TO WIN THE FIGHT

PITTSBURG, Kan.—I want to sound a note of praise to God thru the Evangel, the "Messenger of Love." I praise God for victory thru the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Rouse was with us a few days ago and brought some wonderful messages, the Lord confirming the Word with signs following. I thank God for men like him, and wish he and his family could be with us longer. The church was built up. I wish we had more good men like him to come this way. There is a ripe field out here in the West to reap for God. We have a fine little church at Pittsburg now—some real gopher wood, for which we praise God. We mean to win the fight for the Church of God.—E. M. Mead, pastor.

Healed Down By The Riverside

DREW, Miss. (Sept. 17,)—I am praising God because He saved my soul and sanctified me and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it, and I sent a handkerchief to Bro. Rouse and when the handkerchief returned I laid it on my body in the name of the Lord and I went down to the riverside where my daughter was in secret prayer, and there we prayed and the Lord healed me. I had been living on sweet milk and bread for about two weeks but praise God I enjoyed a good dinner Sunday. I love the way of holiness, it just suits me. I do not get to go to church often, but I enjoy the services when I do get to go. I ask the saints to pray that God will fix a way for my daughter and I to be in services. The Evangel is food to my soul, I enjoy reading it. Pray for me that I will do the Lord's will till He comes or calls. From one who loves the Lord.—Mary Henley.

GOOD PROSPECT FOR A CHURCH

MARION, Va. (Dec. 10)—A good prospect for a Church of God at Ferndale, Ky. Just closed a three weeks revival. The Lord surely did bless. Ten were converted, several sanctified, and some got the Holy Ghost. People that had fought Holiness said they saw the light on God's Word. We want all the churches to pray for that place. I am now in Dorchester, Va. having a revival. The meetings are good. Pray for this place. I remain yours in the Lord, S. E. Money.

Preached The Word Uncompromisingly

ALACHUA Fla. (Oct. 5)—I want to sound a note of praise to God this evening for His great love and mercy to this old sin-cursed world. I praise God for victory in my soul over sin and the devil, praise His wonderful name! I want to praise Him for what He is doing over here at old Greenleaf. Our pastor, Brother W. M. Newman began a revival July 12th which lasted ten days. He surely preached the Word in all its purity, for which we praise God. One was reclaimed, three followed the Lord in water baptism, six came into the church. The meeting closed with several in the altar. We consider the meeting a success for God and His Church. Praise God for such servants as Brother Newman and wife. Pray for our little band of saints. Humbly, Mrs. Bessie Cain.

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WISE MEN SEEK CHRIST

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord"

M. W. Letsinger

This should be the most sacred season of all the year, Christmas, the time we have set apart to celebrate the birth of our Lord, the only birthday so widely celebrated. This is indeed a very glad time. It does not pay to be mean or sad at this season of the year, but we should humble ourselves and with glad hearts worship Him, the greatest Gift ever given. Holy men of old, as they were moved on by the Holy Spirit, prophesied of His advent into the world, and looked forward with glad anxiety to the time when their King and Deliverer would come. They had been watching and waiting for their King for ages. Many of them had fallen on the field, but all down through the ages of time there had been a few looking for Him.

So the time arrives for Jesus to be born. The night is dark and chilly and the wind is moaning thru the boughs of the timber. Some shepherds who were holy men, were watching over their sheep and, lo, the heavens were filled with the glory of the Lord and the angel of the Lord appeared unto them and said, "Fear not for behold I bring unto you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger," and a great host of angels appeared unto them and sang, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Oh what a sacred time this must have been to those shepherds, and I see no reason why the same sacredness and glory should not come unto us at this time, in fact it does for I can feel it now.

Those shepherds began to get ready to go to search for the child Jesus. We can almost see them in our mind, as they marched into the town of Bethlehem and to the barn where Mary, Joseph and Jesus were, and behold, the child as the angel had said, was wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. And there also came wise men from the East to worship Him. No doubt but what they were learned men of great wealth and as they worshipped God there appeared a special star unto them and it was revealed unto them that Jesus was born and that this star would lead them to where the child was. So they made themselves ready for the long journey and followed the star to Jerusalem and inquired of King Herod as to where the child that was born King of the Jews was for they had seen His star and had come to worship Him. Herod knew nothing of the affair but called his learned men and inquired of them as to where Jesus should be born and when they told him in Bethlehem of Judea, he sent the wise men on their journey, bidding them return after they had found the child, that he might go and worship Him also. So they came to Bethlehem and the star which had led them from the Eastern country, stood over where the child Jesus was. When they saw the star standing they rejoiced and went in and worshipped, and being wearied because of their long journey, they laid down for rest. As they slept the angel of the Lord revealed unto them that Herod was not sincere and only sought to slay the child. The wise men gave of their gold and other precious gifts and departed another way to their own country.

Jesus is the greatest Gift ever given and only a few were willing to accept Him, but to those that received Him, He gave power to become the sons of God. So it is today, only a few are willing to accept Jesus as their personal Savior, but to those who do accept Him, He brings joy, peace and gladness to their heart and life. If we are to be among the wise, then we must seek and find Jesus. He is the very same Jesus of 1900 years ago.

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Editorials

Remember there will be no Evangel Christmas week.

The Publishing House force are all back again. Last week there were four sick at one time, and one out on account of the illness of her father.

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The Flu epidemic has been very bad for several days in this section, but seems to be on the wane at present. The Bible School students have had a seige of flu but they are on the mend and school is in session again. About fifteen of our children in the home were sick last week, but they are all up now except one. Prayer was offered for her last night and she is wanting to get out to-day.

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Please address all mail to L. G. Rouse direct to him at Catlettsburg, Kentucky. He is stationed there and mail will reach him much quicker if sent direct to him.

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It is a good time now (during the holidays) to get folks to subscribe for the Evangel. Since last week's report we have received one hundred and ninety-four subscriptions. Come on, Church of God workers, let's continue to climb each week! Pastors and Evangelists who do not solicit for subscribers, should appoint someone in each church or community to do so. If we had several like Brothers H. L. Whittington, Earl Paulk, Harvey Chaplain, J. A. Muncy and Otto Nichols, and many others who are doing valiant work for the paper, we would surely increase the circulation quickly.

Be Not Hearers Only

MT. AIRY, N. C. (Nov. 25)—I feel led this evening to write a piece for the paper I love so well. I want to praise the Lord for victory in my soul over sin right at this present time. We know of some that once had victory over sin, but have gone back into the world and are among those that are deceived. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse deceiving and being deceived. 2 Tim. 3:13. Take heed to yourselves that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside and serve other gods, and then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you and he shut up the heaven and there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit, and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you. I am praising God for the good land flowing with milk and honey, and that we have the privilege of having this wonderful experience, so let us take heed that we be not deceived. Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, for he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Gal. 6:7, 8. But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, deceiving your ownselves. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the Word, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:22, 25. So if we have our spiritual eyes and ears open to the truth we will do what the Word says. We recently read an article (or writing) of one who did belong to the Church of God, but by being deceived, went off with those that are opposers, whose license had been revoked, no longer a member of the Church of God, yet they were trying to deceive others. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you, for many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many." May God help people not to be deceived. I want to praise the Lord for the privilege of attending the Twenty-third Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. It was wonderful, it made us think of the great Assembly that is going to be in the skies. I also want to praise God for healing my body while there thru the prayers of Bro. Rouse and the anointing of oil in the name of Jesus. We desire the prayers of everyone that the Lord will bless the Church here. We are in the battle here at the present time, holding up the blood stained banner. Pray that we may ever stay in the center of God's will, humble and obedient, not hearers only but doers of the Word. God bless everyone. Amen.—Rosa New.

What Is The Greatest Theme of The Church Of God

Dear brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, there is a great weight on me that I can't unload. I asked God as I sat down with my tablet and pencil to try to unload a part of this great burden, to undertake and help me.

Just now the old devil is by my side, whispering, it is of no use, you have made mistakes thru life and there is no use for you to say anything on any line, but I find that the Psalmist David, thru his mistakes, was drawn close to God and saw the great need of God's help and favor.

Dear beloved, what is our greatest theme to-day as the people of God and His workmen? Are we close enough to God to all work together and build by the blue print? If there is any among us who can't build according to this print there will be a flaw in the building and a wreck somewhere along the way that will cost a lot of time and trouble and cause many to stumble and fall over the misplaced stones.

If we ever needed to be taught and led by the true Spirit of God, it is now. What is your greatest theme, to dig down in the pure and undefiled Word of God and pray to understand every word and line? or is it to be like Haman, to be the greatest in the kingdom of this world and ride in the chariot next to the king's chariot, and make certain decrees and rulings and have them sealed with the king's ring? or to be like old Moredcai and have our record enrolled and hid away somewhere with God, just waiting for the time to come when the Great King of kings will become so interested in us that He will begin to search out our lives and find that we have not lowered the standard, and held it up and lived humble and true, and didn't crucify Him and bring Him to an open shame.

We have many Hamans in the kingdom to-day, and many being hanged on the gallows that they made for Mordecai. Oh ! stop and think for a moment, what is our great theme? Is it for poor lost humanity, is it for souls going out every hour of the day without God? Many are taking their own lives because of perplexities. Are we as the Church of God, the body of Christ, doing what we can for poor souls? Listen, I believe with my whole heart if we will get the love of Jesus shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, we will become as interested about dear lost souls as poor old Mordecai did about his people when he saw that their lives were at stake and near the end, something must be done. He couldn't do all that was to be done by himself. He had to have the cooperation of someone else, so Queen Esther fell right in line and obeyed the one who was older than herself. You see there are some who are looking out for our souls as Mordecai did for his people the Jews. It is customary for us to love our own people, so I count the whole Church of God my people, and my desire is for them to all be saved. Someone will say, you don't mean that some will be lost? Well, God spared not some of the angels of old because they had lost their first love, they were led by Lucifer and there was a third part of them cast out with him. Where are they? They are not up there.

What is our greatest theme to-day as the living body? How much are you interested in the great Church of God? Are you interested enough to pray earnestly for God to bind us all together so that the smallest up to the greatest will be willing to fall in line in every local church, on every line, I mean with the rulings and teachings of the Church of God and the Bible. Mordecai couldn't work alone, he had to have the cooperation of the queen. The woman was the one who found favor with the man, the king, so all of us, as the woman, if we want to be the Bride of the Groom, let us all, both small and great, pray for cooperation in the Church of God. If we all, I mean ALL, will pray for this one thing as Esther and Mordecai did for the Jews, we will see something take place. They all put on sackcloths and were not allowed to go thru the king's gate without weeping and mourning and they were all saved. So dearly beloved, if we don't want the Church of God, the great cause we say we love so well, to go barren, we must begin to travail, then we will see sons and daughters begin to be born. Don't understand me to say the Church of God will go down, but I do say she has been hindered by some leaving their first love. The gates of hell will not prevail against it for it was once in the wilderness which was a type of when she would go thru the dark age, when Christ said, Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women? whither is thy beloved turned aside? that we may seek him with thee. So this is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth The great load and burden that dear Brother Lee carried now rests on our dear Brother Latimer and when Brother Lee threw the mantel down, it rested upon Brother Latimer. May God give him a double portion of His grace.

Brothers and sisters, let us all fall in line and bear a portion of this burden with our prayers and cooperation.—One who loves the Church of God, Annie Frost, Kannapolis, N. C.

Desires a Closer Walk With God

THOMPSONVILLE, Tex. (Nov. 30)—Dear Evangel Readers, I want to praise God through the little paper that I love so well. I am praising God for victory in my soul to-night and because He is more to me than the world could ever be. Oh! He's done so much for me and how I thank Him for leading me into the great Church of God. I love her teachings and I want to be a loyal member and fill the little place that God has for me.

I am praising God for His precious healing power. The Lord wonderfully touched my body. I sent Bro. Rouse a handkerchief and was healed before it ever returned. Praise God! I am glad I ever learned to trust in Jesus; I am asking God every day for more of His eternal love for I want to be able to meet Him in peace. I am looking for Him to come soon and I mean to be prepared. He said His Grace is sufficient, His yoke easy, and His burdens light. Praise the Lord forever! Oh, how I love to serve Jesus! I love to enjoy His sweet presence and the sweet Holy Ghost that abides in my soul. I am glad because it is a high and holy way that leads from earth to Glory. I praise God because it is a heartfelt religion that reaches to the bottom of our souls. Praise the Lord! I ask all who read this to earnestly pray that I may get more of God in my life and live closer to Jesus and be found doing His precious will when He comes or calls. Your humble sister in Jesus, Mrs. E. E. Sanders.

Not Afraid To Trust God

KISSIMEE, Fla. (Mar. 21)—I thank the good Lord to-night for salvation thru the blood of Jesus. Over seven years ago God spoke to my heart and I cried out for mercy. He came to my rescue and saved, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost and started me off for Heaven praise His good name! He also added me to the great Church of God, and I learned that it was good to pay tithe. I have also found that His power is sufficient to heal. Wife and I decided to trust Him with both soul and body. We can trust Him when we're well and we can trust Him when we are sick. We trust Him with our children too. There have been four children born in our home and we have never given any of them a dose of medicine. He has taken two of them to a better place than this, but we trusted Him with them to the end. Some day we are going to see them. Some people are scared to test the trusting God for their bodies; they are afraid they might get sick but I am not afraid of the devil that much. God wants men and women with back-bones like railroad iron and faces like flint, so to speak, who will trust and serve Him.

I thank the Lord for a good Sunday School that we have at Orlando. I was appointed Superintendent last September. We have about 75 regular attendants. The Lord has surely blessed us in it. I drive eighteen miles every Sunday to Sunday School and church. I want to do the little things that He would have me do. The devil has given us lots of bumps but we find His power is sufficient to help us overcome. "It is I, standing in need of prayer." Your humble brother in Christ.—C. W. Cole.

Stepped Out On God's Promise

EDDYSTONE, Pa.— Dear saints scattered abroad, I am broadcasting the healing of my daughter, Ladora Porter, who was taken ill in the still hours of the morning. I stepped out on God's promises, taking Him at His precious Word. While praying for her healing I heard a still voice saying, "Do the whole Word," reminding me of the oil which I left in my bag in the other room. After obeying the voice of God we knelt in prayer for her healing, praying with faith believing, and anointing her with oil in the name of the Lord. God's dear Son, who shed His precious blood for us all and by whose stripes we are healed. My daughter was healed in His dear name, according to Jas. 5:14, 15, 16. We give God all the glory, honor and praise. I mean to have my testimony ready at all times where or place. I ask the saints kindly to pray that God will save my husband and children, father and mother, sisters and grandson, and that He will lead them in the true light. Pray that God will use me for His glory. Your sister in Christ, Elizabeth Porter.

VICTORY

Text.—Heb. 6:15.

Victory! What a blessed word to those who know its meaning in reality. "Victory!" The word itself rings like music, when we have an experience of real victory.

(The meaning of the word: The defeat of an enemy in battle, or an opponent in a contest, triumph, conquest.)

"And so *after* he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." Often we hear people testify, "I have victory in my soul." Why do we say victory? Why not say salvation, or the love, or Spirit of God all the time, as we sometimes do? Because victory comes first. Before we get the Spirit of God, we first have to conquer our enemy—the devil. Such a battle comes when we go to the altar to be saved. The devil is there, and as we talk to God, he talks to us. He says, "It is no use, you're so foolish. Why, you're even ashamed of yourself for being here; everybody's looking at you; even the preacher is listening and laughing within himself at your ignorant prayer." How he fights, and really does discourage many by making the battle so hot. They get up feeling better, but cannot shout, "I have the victory"! While, there are others who fight him to a finish, in the name of Jesus, and come up shouting and leaping for joy.

Precious seeker, remember the text—'after' he had patiently endured (not enjoyed), he obtained the promise, or victory. To have victory means you must fight. Not until you are tired, but until Satan and every imp is defeated.

Had our precious boys given up during the world war because they had a hard long fight of it, or because of being tired, hungry, and thirsty, we perhaps to-day would be in bondage; would be servants, and could not enjoy the glorious liberty of a free nation. And so it is with folks who do not pay the price for victory; they remain in bondage, and are the servants of Satan. They get up from the altar saying, "I got so tired," or "my throat was so dry," or "my knees got sore," "it was so awfully hot," "and so much noise!" We have just stated that "victory" means defeat of an enemy in battle. Who ever heard tell of a real battle being fought with perfect ease, with nobody hurt or made to feel bad? Not one, I dare say. Our boys came back home with scars, but they won the victory. Thank God.

I've seen folks pray so earnestly for the blessing until they would beat the skin off their hands and elbows, just lost away in the Spirit, fighting the enemy. Many have gotten up with scars, but shouting the victory. But remember if you are praying for victory you first must go thru the battle. When you see a dear brother or sister with real shouting victory in their soul, you can take it for granted they've had a battle. Some say, "O you can shout easy enough, you haven't any trials, such as disobedient children, an ungodly husband, unsaved loved ones," etc. but these who shout the victory, have no doubt, fought the same battles, that's where the shout comes from; the shine, it is from the furnace of affliction.

I had a dear sister to say to me once, while helping in a meeting, and the Lord was blessing, "No wonder you can shout, you have no trials." I only smiled at her, but right then I was going thru a severe test. In the meetings I would clap my hands and testify to victory, but right then my cross was so heavy I could hardly carry it. I would shout in the meetings because of God's sweet presence and liberty in my soul, but would then go home and cry, pray and tremble the rest of the night because of heartaches and burdens. But O what victory, after patiently enduring! Remember, you have something to do before you can enjoy perfect victory. The Israelites did not shout until their enemies were defeated; but then what a glorious time they had on the banks of the Red Sea. Some say, I feel like shouting, but I'm only saved. If you are saved, the enemy has been defeated, and you have a right to shout for joy. The crossing of the Red Sea is a type of sinners being delivered from sin or bondage, and they shouted and danced. Ex. 15:20. The Lord had saved them. Ex. 14:30.

It was "after" David's battle with the Giant (a type of the devil, Israel's army) that the men of Israel shouted. 1 Sam. 15:52. Remember he first had to fight, not with his fist, but in the name of the Lord of hosts. We can shout the victory when we take a stand against the enemy, in the name of the Lord. Some folks say, "I could have more victory but I just have so many trials and persecutions." Bless your heart, it takes trials and tests to bring down victory. Every time we resist the devil we have more victory.

People who have the same little dried up testimony every time, and never can give a good loud "Glory to God", who can't help work in the altar, with other folks shouting the victory all around them, are people who do not put up much of a fight against Satan. The more we pray and praise the Lord, the more fighting we have to do, and the more shouting we can do. Thank God for victory!

I hear some folks say, "O if I had the victory like Sister or Bro. So and So, I'd be so glad." Yes, you'd be glad for the 'victory part' of it, but how would you like to take that Brother or Sister's place and fight their battles, who fast and pray a great deal, and have to walk and live by faith as they do many times? I can hear some say now, "Not me fasting, God never meant for me to starve." No, He did not, but He always has honored a fast from His children.

Est. 4:16, also chapter 9. Victory can only be won after we do our part. We have to do our own fighting, our own praying and our own praising. Some folks rejoice over the victory of someone else, but have nothing of their own to rejoice over. It is good to be glad with others, but that does not mean victory for us. Phil. 2:12 says, Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Now if you want victory you must fight. We know there is no pleasure in fighting, that's why lots of people haven't the victory—because it is not all shouts. To fight means to exercise our limbs. If folks would open their mouths wide, lift their heads and hands, cry aloud unto God, victory would come sooner. In a fight, the flesh usually suffers, and in order to defeat the devil and have perfect victory, this old flesh must deny itself and not only suffer a little here and there, but even be crucified. Gal. 5:24. The reason many fail to have victory, they are not willing to suffer. Give me an easy place to preach; (where I do not have to work on a job with worldly folks), and live in a home where they all have the blessing, yes, then we don't have to pray much; we haven't much to resist or overcome, and when we go to services we will almost jump with nervousness if someone shouts loud, and think—surely they are in the flesh. Now, I will admit we have some fleshly demonstration, and too we have plenty of the genuine.

Then, back to our subject—Victory. What does it take to get victory? About the first thing is 'courage.' You say, "I haven't the nerve to pray aloud." Well, you'll never get victory then. Nerve, zeal, determination is what is needed. It was after Jacob wrestled (or fought) all night that he got the victory. He was determined. Faith is another help, when fighting for victory. Our champion fighters would never have risked their lives if they had a doubt of losing. Many other things could be mentioned. Some seekers say, "But God won't bless me." You are mistaken. You might say, "I have asked." Yes, but remember there is more to a fight than talk, and to have the victory means to fight until the assurance comes. Remember it was the boys who went to the front and fought that received metals of honor and reward, not the slackers who stayed at home in ease. So it will be those who fight and resist the enemy unto the end, those who are faithful unto death that shall receive the crown of life.—Rev. 2:10. Yours in the battle, enjoying the victory.—Josephine Walker, Berthold, N. Dak.

Salvation Established In The Heart

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—I wish to say with great joy I am still enjoying this great salvation with Jesus as my Saviour and the blessed Holy Ghost as my guide. Determined by the grace of God to hold out faithful unto death. A one week meeting was conducted by the writer, seven miles from Leaksville, Miss. It was a new field. There was one saved and good interest. I'm sure there will be a Church of God there very soon. We are looking for some good work to be done at that place. From this place we went to Citronelle, Ala. and ran one week's meeting, six miles from that place, we had a real good time with the Lord. The saints at that church had been scattered with the preaching The New Issue, as it is called, and a preacher of the Church of God had gotten into it and had backslidden, and thank God, he came back and said he was going to stay. I will tell all the dear saints it is a grand thing to be established in the faith and not be carried about by every wind of doctrine, but that we might ever believe what our precious Saviour commanded us to do in Matt. 28:18-20. And if we will do that, none of these new doctrines will have any affect on us. I praise God for Jesus and this wonderful plan of salvation and because it is established in my heart to stay till Jesus comes. Your sister in the faith.—Mrs. Emma Logan.

OUR GOD CAN DO GREAT THINGS

NEWBERN, Va. (Sept. 18)—I wish to thank God for His mercy to me. I thank Him for the love He has for us, and I want to praise Him for His healing power. A few days ago I was very sick, but I kept calling upon the Lord, and He healed me, I know He did the work for I did not resort to a physician. Truly our God has done great things. He healed our little boy also a few days ago. O He is my help at all times. I thank God for just what victory I have over sin and the devil I especially ask all the saints that read this to pray for God to heal my body if it is His will, and give me complete freedom that I may go on and do the work He has called me to do. Yours for Christ and the Church of God.—W. R. S. Lyons.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

(Continued from page one)

glory of the birth of Christ. While the world was unconscious of the great event, all Heaven was interested. The heavenly host came to make the announcement. They did not appear to kings and mighty men, but to the poor, humble shepherds who watched their flock. Possibly this is where David watched his father's flock. And where Ruth gleaned. These shepherds worshipped Jesus first. They had many visitors. The wise men came from the East bringing their costly gifts. They did not know where He was to be born, yet they had seen His star. It was perfectly natural that they should go to the capital to inquire where He should be born, and when they had found Jesus they presented unto Him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. No doubt they were glad to unload their treasures to Him.

As we celebrate our Lord's Birthday, let us remember the words of Jesus, "As oft as you do it unto the least of these, ye do it unto me." I think people should help the poor on occasions like this, and by so doing we may give to the Lord. People spend thousands of dollars for presents for their friends and of course they expect something in return. Those who give to the poor lend to the Lord. If we give for an outward show, we will lose our reward but if we give to make others happy, we give unto Jesus. Let us make this the greatest time of our lives by helping others. Think of the careless way in which many people celebrate this sacred day, drinking, gambling and dancing. Thousands do not realize how awful it is to spend this day in revelry. Of course this should be a day of great rejoicing. It is right to give gifts, for it was the love that God had for the lost world that caused Him to give His Son. As we give to others, we should remember to do it in the name of the blessed Christ. This should be a time all those who have plenty should give to those who are needy. I'll never forget the first Christmas I spent in prayer. We were invited to a little mission where the pastor had announced that there would be special prayer services on Christmas morning. I'll never forget the talk made by the leader. I was just a young man. There was quite a crowd of people present. The work was conducted by a sanctified Methodist. He spoke at length of how we should celebrate Christmas. Since that time I have never cared for the boisterous celebration. It should be a day of prayer and thanksgiving and giving of presents to the poor and needy. Let us bow our heads in holy reverence to God, lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him for His gift to the world.

Blessed To Live a Sanctified Life

STATESBORO, Ga. (Oct. 19,)—I feel impressed this morning to write a few words for the glory of God, and of how He has done so much for me and mine. I am so glad of this plan of salvation; so glad that I can live a sanctified life right in the face of the devil. I have been living a sanctified life for over four years and am not one bit tired of it. I thank God that I can live for Him also thank God for the desire I have to live for Him. I have been told many times that there was no person that could live a sanctified life in this present world, but I thank God they told me too late, they waited until I was already sanctified to talk, so when they talk that way I just say "You waited too long. I already know about it." I believe in Divine healing too. You know when God saved me, I stepped right out on divine healing and I stand on it to-day, also my family, we have never taken a dose of medicine since God saved me. One of my daughters and myself are the only ones in my family that have the sweet Holy Ghost, so saints I need your prayers to live in this testing time. You know, sisters, all cannot go and preach, but we can live so close to God and such clean lives until this world can not point their fingers at us and say, "There is one of those holy rollers, and they do things I would not do." Saints, let's let our lights shine out, that someone in darkness may see our little light and come to the shores of sweet deliverance. It might not be any one but our children, but wouldn't that be grand, to save our own family for Christ? Dear sisters I have a very sick child, will you please fall on your knees and ask God to heal him, if it be His will, and if not, pray that God will save his soul. Pray for me to be just what God would have me be.—Mrs. J. S. Fail.

A LETTER

Belmont, N. C.
Nov. 6, 1928

Dear brethren:

I am sorry to hear that Brother Lee is dead. He was of great service in the Church. I did not know him personally but I have written him a few letters and he has given me satisfaction.

Yours truly,
John A. Hanvy.

REJOICING IN THE TRUTH

LINDALE, Ga. (Nov. 13)—I am praising God to-night for being saved, sanctified and nave the blessed Holy Ghost and in the Church of God. I praise God for the grand and glorious praising God tonight for being saved, sembly this year and it surely was soul food to me. I feel encouraged to do more for the dear Lord and His Cause. We have a right nice little church at Lindale, Ga. and we surely thank and praise the Lord for it, we also have some true blue saints here. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Brogdon. We believe he is a man of God, and he surely does preach the Word in its fullness. We are made to rejoice in the truth. We were glad also that Brother and Sister Pope came by and preached a wonderful sermon for us, it was certainly fine. Sister Ella Mae Goins and Sister Vesta Swanson were also with us, she preached a few wonderful sermons here, the Lord blest. We appreciate any of God's children coming by and being with us. I ask the prayers of every child of God to pray for me that I will be a true soldier for my blessed Lord. Your sister in Christ.—Janie Caley.

Given Up To Die — God Healed

ANDREWS, N. C. (Oct. 11)— I long for a closer walk with God. I want to praise the Lord for what He has meant to me and my family. I was a backslider and did not know it up until about August 19th. There was a little band of saints came here to preach, the first holiness preachers I had ever heard preach.

I thought I was living a Christian life and I was only living for the devil alone. On Friday night it was impressed upon me to go to the altar for prayer and I fought the Spirit of the Lord away. On Saturday I took sick, and on Sunday I was still growing worse, and Sunday night about 9:00 o'clock I sent for my doctor and nurse and they gave me some medicine and left me to die. We then sent for Brother Mull and wife and Sister Cree and Sister Lee from the church to come and pray, and by that time my bed was swinging over the very flames of hell. They began to pray and the Lord strengthened my body and I was wonderfully healed and the Lord reclaimed my soul that night. I am stronger today than I have ever been in my life. "Blessed be the name of the Lord." I went back to meeting and was sanctified, my husband and myself were baptized on October 6th. I want the prayers of all the Christians that I may receive the precious Holy Ghost. I have some loved ones out in the world, pray for them. About thirteen were healed in the meeting. I praise the Lord for sending these people to Andrews. Pray for me.—Mrs. R. M Morgan.

Don't Let The Enemy Deceive You

Dear readers, I will try to write a few words this morning just as the Lord directs. For some cause the Lord has put this on my heart. First, I want to say that I was saved when just a child. About fourteen years ago I began to feel the need of a closer walk with God; at this time I didn't know anything about Holiness. I prayed to God and was led by the Spirit into Holiness in 1918. I received the Holy Ghost and from then on I lived just as close to the Lord as I knew how, feeling satisfied until about four years ago. I began to feel a hungering in my heart to have a closer walk with God. The more I would pray the more I would feel this. I knew that I had the Holy Ghost for it continually spoke for itself. I went on not knowing what to do until about two years ago. The Lord allowed affliction to come on me. I was allowed to go thru the Valley of the Shadow of Death; I didn't suffer so much in body as I did in spirit. This lasted for about six or seven months and for days and nights at a time I would have to pray. The Lord began to narrow me down to singleness of heart and oneness of mind. Now I can see what it means to be bought with such a price as the blood of Jesus. I had the Holy Ghost for eight years before, but had not realized such a close walk with God. During this time I found but little comfort; the saints were good to me and prayed for me. The only comfort I got was reading the Bible and praying for the Lord to remove this suffering. The Lord finally brought me so close until I can stay in the presence of God with one continual flow of the Spirit. About this time the Lord sent the article "Shepherd and the Sheep" by Brother Robert Hill out in the Evangel. He said that he had gone thru the test and all the saints who were expecting to be in the Bride would have to go thru a test.

Dear Saints, if you have the Holy Ghost and living up to it don't let the devil make you think you have backslidden because you hunger for more of the Lord. Bro. Hill explained the Twenty-third Psalm, when you go through tests you will be more patient, which will help you to en-

The Lord Is Performing Miracles

WILMINGTON, N. C.—On Oct. 10th Brother R. P. Turner, Evangelist of McColl, S. C., came to our city and started a meeting in the Church of God. Brother Turner surely can make the devil mad. He preached two sermons and the text of his third sermon was "Come and See", St. John 1:46. The power fell, and just before he closed, he asked all who wanted to be healed to come and stand. There were thirty-seven who stood to be healed. Two were blind and the Lord gave them their sight and they saw clearly, could even see to read clearly. All of them testified that they were healed.

The people in Wilmington began to be stirred over it, insomuch that Brother Turner could not visit all who called on him to pray for them, and on Saturday night Oct. 13th, they brought a child seven years of age that had never spoken a word, according to its mother's testimony. After Brother Turner had prayed for it, he asked the congregation if they would believe if the child spoke. The child then clearly called its mother three times, which the congregation witnessed. On Sunday morning another child, which was three years old and could not speak a word, was brought. Brother Turner prayed for it, but it was not healed at that time. The mother brought it back that afternoon at 2:30 and Brother Turner laid his hands on it the second time. The child then talked to its mother. There were more than one hundred present who witnessed this.

I want to say that on Sunday night Oct. 14th, the city of Wilmington was stirred. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saint's feet. Brother Turner was the first to wash feet, while the saints were still washing feet, there were more than thirty who stood for prayers and every one who was sick was healed, as they all testified. The people of Wilmington said they had never seen anything like it before. A great many were saved as they were healed, and shouted and spoke in tongues.

On Monday night, the 15th, the power fell in the beginning of the service. Many were saved and sanctified and many were healed. The meeting continued throughout the week with many more saved and many healed. We want to thank the Lord for the good that was done in Wilmington, for sending Brother Turner this way. We all love him and hated to see him leave. He closed his meeting Sunday night, Oct. 21st. Four were added to the church. The Church of God here is now in perfect unity and we all hope that some day Brother Turner will come this way again. We have a good pastor, Brother R. B. Jarrell, whom we all love, and he loves us. Pray for us, that we will ever be found doing the Lord's will.—A. G. Murphy, 419 Greenfield, St.

God Was With Us

RICHMOND, Ind.—I am glad that I can still report victory thru the blood of the Lamb. We closed a four weeks meeting in Richmond Oct. 21st. This was a new field, but God was with us from the first night. Bless His name. Fourteen were saved and two sanctified and more are looking this way. I would like to get in touch with some Church of God folks in Indiana.—Yours for lost souls, Sam G. Helton, Route A.

Our Neighbors Are Watching Our Lives

RED BAY, Ala.—I am praising God for the wonderful meeting we had at Pates Temple. The dear Lord was with us at every service. Six received the Holy Ghost, nearly all of the saints got reclaimed, four were saved, and the Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. Two came into the church. The meeting lasted a week and one night. The altar was filled almost every night. The meeting closed with several in the altar. Brother Gore was in charge. We believe He is a wonderful man of God. If we ever get to the glory world, we will have to live our salvation every day, that is the biggest sermon you can preach. It will show to our neighbors and friends what we have for they are watching us. I do not want to be a stumbling block in no one's way. Sinner friends, it is time you are getting saved. You do not know how much more time you have. I have a dear loving son who lives in the far West—600 miles from me. I am praying every day for the dear Lord to save him, and I want every saint of God that prays to help me pray for him that he may be saved, he and his family, for he is so dear to me. I want you to all pray a special prayer for the Lord to heal my body of afflictions. I have been on my bed a great deal of the time since last February. I promised the Lord if He would let me get up and be able to go to meeting again I would do anything for the Lord. and for the last month He has let me get some better. I am able to go to meeting some, and the vow I made God holds good. We must pay our vows unto God. Pray for me that I may be faithful unto the end.—Mrs. P. M. Hall.

dure the persecutions. Your sister, Bula Brooks, Atoona, Ala.

Notices And Specials

M. S. Lemons was duly appointed overseer of Maryland during the 23d Annual Assembly. Since arriving in Maryland his wife's health will not permit him to continue there in the service. Upon his recommendation, I duly appoint Brother Fred Marine as overseer of Maryland. Brother Marine is a fine man and we hope that the work in Maryland will prosper under his supervision. — S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

To the Churches of God in Texas: Bro. J. C. Jernigan, 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas has been appointed State Treasurer for the Home mission fund. The pastor and clerk of each local church can read the report of the mission committee on pages 28 and 29 in the Minutes of the 23d Annual Assembly and act accordingly. Fifty per cent goes to Headquarters and fifty per cent to the State Treasurer. Bro. Lee Baker is treasurer for the State Camp Ground fund. Each pastor and clerk do your best to get your quota as early as possible and send same to Bro. Lee Baker at Weatherford, Texas. With the cooperation of each one we can raise this. We must pay our debts so that we can have another wonderful camp meeting next fall. Come on. Let's pray much and work together for the cause that we love so well. Let us join together in prayer for the greatest outpouring of the Holy Ghost that we have ever had in the Lone Star State. Pray much for Headquarters and the work in general. Prayer will bring results and we will see the work grow. Any time my service is needed I will be glad to do all I can. Pray for us. E. W. Williams, State Overseer, 1211 Lee Ave., N. Ft. Worth, Tex.

I take this opportunity to let the good saints of God know that a revival will start at Harrisburg, Ill., Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1929. Bro. E. L. Simmons will do the preaching. We invite the neighboring churches to come and lend a helping hand. If you can not come, pray for the Lord to make this the greatest revival that has ever been in Harrisburg, by giving us souls for our labor. Webb McAnally, 125 W. Raymond St., Harrisburg, Ill.

To the churches in N. C: Complying with the ruling of the Assembly, we are appointing J. M. Snyder, Box 597, Kannapolis, N. C. treasurer of the mission fund for the state of N. C. All missions to be sent to Snyder of Kannapolis. (Pastors and clerks please remember this is to amount to five per cent of the amount of tithes paid in the local church monthly).

Also, we are appointing J. P. Hughes of 613 E. 15th St., Charlotte, N. C. as State Superintendent of Sunday Schools, also Treasurer of the Sunday School tithes. In tithing your Sunday School money send same to Hughes of Charlotte. With best wishes to all for the year, I am humbly, John L. Stephens.

DISTRICT PASTORS OF VA.

Coeburn District	Thomas R. Martin
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Ivanhoe District	D. R. Byrd
Pulaski District	W. B. Davis
Danville District	F. W. Anderson
Alexandria District	R. L. Rexrode

Lynchburg supplied by State Overseer. District pastors will place their helpers. I would like to correspond with all members not living near a church, relative to starting a work in your community.—H. B. Simmons, State Overseer, 602 Brackenbridge St., Lynchburg, Va.

This is to notify the public that my address is as follows:—Ed Johnson, Gen. Delivery, Bristol, Tenn.

Wish to say to the dear saints in America, I am now back on the battlefield in Jamaica. We sailed from Key West Monday Nov. 26th and arrived in Kingston the 30th. We had smooth sailing and a safe voyage, for which we praise the Lord. Anyone wishing to write me can reach me at any time at the address given below. All pray for me and the work here. May God bless you all. Yours in Him.—Z. R. Thomas, Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Notice is hereby given to all who may read these lines, that Sister W. B. Davis, Jackson Ave., Pulaski, Va. is the clerk of the church at that place, and Vertie Bell McGee, Maxmeadows, Va. is clerk of the church at Maxmeadows.

The annual report forms from the above named churches were either lost in the mail or misplaced here in the office, hence their names did not appear in the Minutes.

General Secretary

SPECIAL NOTICE

We would appreciate it very much if all the evangelists who have not sent their 1928 license in for renewal would do so at once.

Remember that they are void after the 31st of December. Give your address on the back of the license, and state if you are pastoring churches.

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

We will begin a "Christmas Revival" at Point, Texas. Everybody is invited, especially preachers. Come, get in the fight against sin. Christmas day we will have special music by the string band, program in the afternoon. Watch night service Dec. 31st. —W. M. Ford, pastor.

Notice to people in Miss.:—

Dear brothers and sisters, I want to ask each and everyone to put your shoulder to the wheel and do your very best to make this the best year of our lives for Jesus. Let us do our very best to make this the greatest year of our lives for Jesus by paying our tithes and giving offerings to the mission cause and praying for your overseer and pastors and by giving them your hearty cooperation in every way. Let us boost the Sunday School work this year as never before, and I feel sure the Lord will bless us both financially and Spiritually, and if we do our part I am sure He will do His.—Lovingly your brother in Christ.—E. B. Culpepper.

A revival will begin at the Church of God at Eldorado, Ill. Dec. 25. There will be three services on that day, the first at 10:45 a. m., the next at 2:30 p. m., the evening service at 6:45. We look for a number of visiting preachers to be with us on that day, also remember the Christmas Program will be Monday evening, the 24th, at 6:45.

Everybody welcome. Remember that Helen L. Morrow will be in charge of the revival.—J. R. Thomas, pastor.

To the Churches of God in Penna:

As the state has such a few churches it has not been divided into districts. I have decided to appoint one treasurer for the whole state for the tithes of the Sunday School money. Come on churches, let's prove our loyalty to God and His Church by complying with the rulings of the Assembly on each respective line. Send all Sunday School tithes to Charlie Ross, Boynton, Penna.—H. W. Poteat, State Overseer.

REQUESTS

ST. CHARLES, Va. (Dec. 6)—Dear saints, please pray for my dear boy that got hurt in the mines two weeks ago Wednesday. He is in the Morton hospital. A mining car ran over his leg and cut all the big muscles in two. He has a bad leg. The doctor told me last Friday that infection had set up and that he didn't know when he could come home. I believe that God can work and no one can hinder. Please pray that God will heal his affected leg and make him whole. His mother, Annie Mullins.

I request the saints to pray a special prayer for me that God will heal me of a bad sore foot and that it will stay healed. I know the dear Lord can heal; He has healed me and my father before this. Your sister in Christ, Emma Plate, 139 Bradley Ave., Parkersburg, W. Va.

EMLYN, Ky. (Dec. 6)—I want all the saints to pray for me. I am suffering with rheumatism and need your prayers. Please entreat the Lord in my behalf. Mrs. J. T. Potter.

He Never Leaves Us Alone

PONCHATOULA, La.—I praise and thank the Lord for healing my body. I am very weak, but am feeling good in my soul and body. I was suffering with my back last Sunday night. I called on God and got easy and went to sleep. I awoke and was suffering again but not so badly. There was no one to pray for me, so I prayed and He heared me thru my own prayers. He never forsakes or leaves us alone in time of need.

The Holy Ghost still abides. There is no Church of God here. My membership is at Dunn, La. Pray for me, that I might be faithful until death.—Mrs. Augustine Turner.

MANY LOOKING TOWARD ZION

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. (Oct. 9)—We have just closed a three and one half weeks revival. The meeting had been going on one and one half weeks when Brother F. W. Rollins of Columbus, Ohio, arrived to preach for us. God had already been blessing and continued to bless. It seemed as though we were right in the presence of God. Several were saved and reclaimed and many received the great blessings from above. God met in most every service in a wonderful way. The saints were crying, dancing, speaking in tongues and many manifestations of the Spirit. Nine joined the Church of God. Truly God added them to the Church. He set His approval of blessings upon us all, whereof we are glad. On Sunday night, the closing, we observed the Lord's Supper, and washed the saints' feet. My, how God did bless! If we are obedient to the Word He will bless. He says, "Happy are ye if ye do them."

The people all seem to love Brother Rollins and say they want him for a pastor after the Assembly. Many are looking toward Zion, the Church of God.—Carl G. Carder.

God Is Blessing In Montana

BIG TIMBER, Mont. (Nov. 23)—On September 10th my wife and Sister Tiedman and I left Big Timber for Lewistown, one hundred and twelve miles away, to open fire on the enemy's ranks. We began the meeting on the 12th, in the Salvation Army Hall. The battle lasted for three weeks there, but like many others, they could not line up to the Standard, so we were obliged to get another building, where we fought on for about eleven days. Of course, the devil kept up his howl but when it was over, (I mean the battle) for the enemy is still raging, we counted eleven saved, four or five sanctified.

We went back to this place a week later and the writer baptized ten in water. I have been back once since and intend to move over there for it looks as if we are going to have a strong band of saints and a loyal church at that place. Bro. Martin was over there from Big Timber, with some of the saints, and he did some good preaching, also Bro. Price, a Nazarene preacher, sang for us two nights. The devil is on the job but God is on the throne, and we need workers, whosoever will, let him come.—Faithfully, M. L. Lowe.

Wonderful Revival

I want to thank the dear Lord for the revival that has just closed here at a little place called Yellow Hill near Middlesboro, Ky. I thank Him because He never casts our prayers away but just stores them in His care because He knows just when to answer Husband and I have been praying so long for the Lord to send someone to this place. He knew whom we needed; Bro. Bostic came and it was a hard battle to fight. A little later Bro Bryant from Goin, Tenn. came. The unbelief was strong but we held on to the Lord and He gave the victory. One was saved, two reclaimed, seven sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. We also have a church started with eight members and some more to come. Oh, it is wonderful what our God will do if we will just humble ourselves where He can use us. I thank Him for men like the Tenn. brothers who are ready to go where God says go, and for the Middlesboro Church that came and helped so faithfully. Praise our God forever! To Him be all honor! Your sister in Christ, Arda Lane, Clerk.

DEBTS

By W. J. Johnson

Owe no man anything, but love one another is a command in Romans 13:8. Why did Paul so closely relate the above statement, love one another with 'Owe no man anything'? It has often reminded me of the old adage, "If you want to lose a friend, loan him a dollar." It clearly expresses the trait sometimes so common in humanity that one would rather find fault, and withdraw from another rather than do the right thing towards meeting his just obligation. A dishonest person would sometimes rather be at 'outs' with you than to pay you.

In Deuteronomy 28:12 we find the statement, "And thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow". This in my judgment means no more nor any less than just what it says. If we endeavor to live God's Word He will make a way for us even as He did the Children of Israel concerning whom we read in Deuteronomy 8:4, "Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years."

Again we find in Psalms 37:21, "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy and giveth". If we fail to meet our direct obligations or even the indirect ones we are pulling the standards of the church down, and be not deceived the world seeth it. I have known so-called saints moving out of a community and leaving their store accounts unpaid. and at the same time buying furniture in the home that they could have gotten along without. This class of folks seem to even be ignorant of their future inability to pay.

God's great plan of redemption, in my understanding, requires restitution. By restitution we mean going over the past, sinful life and straightening it up as near as is possible on our part. If we have murdered some one we cannot restore his life, but we can work to pay that which we have defrauded. We find restitution taught in Luke 19:8 and in Ezekiel 33:15.

Never Have a Service That The Lord Does Not Bless

BOWIE, Tex. (Oct. 7)—We wish to praise the Lord for what He is doing for us here at Bowie. We never have a service that the Lord does not bless. We have no place to worship, except in the homes. We want all who read this to pray for us that the Lord will help us in some way, that we may get us a church house.

We only have 13 members here and part of them are children. We surely do want to see a Church of God set in order here at Bowie. We covet

LIFT HIGH THE HOLY BANNER

I am trusting in His blood, who washed my sins away,
For I know if to Him I am only true, I shall reap a rich reward at the close of day.
I was mired deep in sin, ere my Lord I knew
But thru His tender love I entered into grace,
And now I love to spread the tidings of my Lord and King,
Praise His holy name forever, I've entered in the race.
And so I shout for glory, let the glad news ring.
Jesus saved my soul I know, for I feel His Spirit witnessing within,
And I'll tell a world of doubters as I onward go,
That the blood of God's own Lamb will take away all sin,
Brother, if you are stumbling blindly in a world of sorrow and despair,
If you're sin-sick, tired of worldly show
Just come to Him repenting, then trust His tender care,
Then you may have the joy of Heaven in this world below.

You may feast on heavenly manna day by day;
You may drink at heavenly fountains as you follow in the way.
Tho this world be dark and gloomy, still His love remains.
O lift that high and holy banner, stained with the blood of God's own Son,
Let the world know in what manner victory o'er death and sin was won.
His priests shall be clothed with righteousness,
His saints shall shout for joy,
His blood shall make them guiltless, who enter our King's employ.

Yours in the service of our King, Sidney M. Reason, Nishu, N. Dak.

TRUE TO MY PROMISE

GADSDEN, Ala. (Oct. 20)—I wish to testify thru the Evangel, because I promised the Lord I would. Last week I had a chill and fever and was suffering all thru my body. I was reading the Evangel and laid it on my body in the name of Jesus and have not had any more chills, for which I give God all the praise.—Your sister in Christ.—Emma McCain.

Determined To Go All The Way

HAZLEHURST, Ga. (Oct. 18)—I feel led to write a few lines to tell what the dear Lord has done for me. I promised Him if He would heal my baby I would testify to it thru the paper. My baby had pneumonia. Everybody thought he would die, but we kept calling the saints to pray for him. For several days it looked like he would die; he was given up by all, but we kept holding on to the Lord and praising Him and He healed my baby and after he got well of pneumonia he had an abcess to come on his jaw. O, it was a serious thing. It was large, sometimes as large as a hen egg. Doctors said it would have to be lanced. O the little thing did suffer. I took him to Bridgeford church and had the saints to pray for him and in one week's time you could not tell there was anything wrong with his jaw. It just went away, it never came to any head. People around here were sure surprised to see him for a few days. I give the Lord all the praise for it. All glory to God! I praise Him because I am still saved, sanctified and still have the precious Holy Ghost and am a member of the great Church of God, still determined to go all the way with Jesus. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will ever stand true and do His will.—Mrs. Lily White.

If You Want a Blessing Obey The Lord

ROME, Ga.—I am praising the Lord for victory over sin and the devil. When I left Anderson, S. C., I thought I had left the best people in the world, but I want to thank God because I have met some just as good in Rome, Ga. I hated to leave the folks in Anderson, but I got willing to make a sacrifice for Jesus and the lost people, and thank God, I moved off from the old nest and the Lord is blessing me. If you want a blessing just obey the Lord and go where He wants you to.

When the good people of Rome asked me to come here, I didn't ask them any questions, but I began to pray. I asked the Lord if it was His will for me to come and I felt that it was so thank God, He is supplying my needs, and blessing wonderfully here. He is healing and saving souls. I thank Him for the good victory. These good people love the Church of God and they believe in standing by their pastor. I am asking all the good people to pray for us. —Odis Smith.

your prayers.—G. W. and S. E., pastors of Bowie church.

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BOBBING OF WOMEN'S HAIR

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?
J. H. Diggs
"The No-bob Barber"

Thru the courtesy of our Church of God Evangel, I wish to have something to say which I have been deeply impressed to say for more than two years, but have just neglected to do so until now. After much praying and meditation, in the best way I know how, I am going to speak the sentiment of my heart, against the bobbing of hair. If I were going to select a text, it would be Deut. 22: 5. "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."

This was spoken by the Lord our God about three thousand four hundred years ago and there is no record where He has ever changed the least, for He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Bless His dear name! However, any direction we might chance to look, we can see where this proclamation from our Lord is being violated and is such a tragedy of sin. If we will but glance about us, we can see such an alarming per cent of the people, especially our women and girls, who are absolutely ignoring this command from our Lord. The present day fads and fashions are, I believe, one of the greatest eternal damnations. There is not a single feature about these disgusting styles, but what is an abomination in the sight of the Lord our God. I speak the sentiment of all serious thinking people, when I say bobbed hair, with all its styles is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, evil of the day. Let us let our minds run back to the good old days before these styles started and see if bobbed hair is not the chief cornerstone of the foundation of these present day fads and fashions.

It is a positive fact that before the bobbed hair fashion started there was much more modesty and decency practiced than in this present evil day in which we live. I have been barbering almost thirteen years and I am known the country over as the no-bob barber, and may I explain how I got this title. On March 1, 1926 I placed a sign in the window of my barber shop, located on 148 Tennessee Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., which read as follows: "Special Notice—Postively no more women's and girls' hair bobbed here. Such is abomination in the sight of God. Study His eternal Word, be not deceived, God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7." This sign was copied by a news reporter and given to the associated press, after which I became noted as being the only barber in the country that had ever taken such a bold stand for God and right and for modesty and decency, and this is how I got the title, "the no-bob barber". May I state that I postively did not take this stand for any notoriety or fame on my part. God forbid, but simply because this shameful bobbed hair fad is as my sign states, an abomination in the sight of God. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." 1 Cor. 11:14, 15. The 14th verse of 1 Cor. 11th chapter justifies all men to have their hair cut as short as they might desire, but the next verse positively condemns women and girls for having their hair cut in any style, for it plainly says, a woman's hair is her glory and was given her for a covering. Therefore, if she has this God-gift destroyed, she commits sin and is guilty of an act that positively is abomination in the sight of God. This is the only reason I ceased bobbing hair, and by refusing to further engage in this, there is a joy and peace and a victory in my soul that I fully realize would not otherwise have been there.

Now what about the parents of our little girls and large girls too? The devil has gotten into their hearts to such an extent that they are made to believe it is no harm for them to have their little girl's hair bobbed, but Oh, how they are deceived. The spirit that prompts them to do this, is postively the antichrist spirit. It is an awful tragedy that so many of the fathers and mothers in the Church of God will allow their little girls and big girls to have their hair bobbed in the latest styles, and otherwise shamefully attired. It is a shameful reproach to the holiness cause and a parent, it matters not what they claim, that will let their children dress like the sinful worldly people, is positively compromising with the world and this is anything but pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Short dresses, rolled stockings, short sleeves, lip-stick, painted cheeks, arched eyebrows and many other things too numerous to mention, are of the world.

I want to say in conclusion that I have suffered and sacrificed much over my stand and attitude toward bobbed hair, but the Lord was condemning me so it seemed I had to do something and I tried everything in my power to get rid of the severe condemnation I was suffering before I made up my mind to do what I did. The suffering and sacrifice it has cost me are nothing to compare with the sweet rivers of joy and satisfaction I am to-day experiencing because of my stand against this disgusting practice.

Oh women and girls, for the sake of the Lord, for the sake of womankind, and for the sake of modesty and decency, please do not practice this sin, and the Lord will bless you much. Again, I want to appeal to the fathers and mothers, especially holiness parents, please forbid your little girls and big girls also, having their hair bobbed in any style, for it postively brings a reproach on them, their parent and in fact, their entire sex. All such is vexation of spirit and God certainly will pour out His wrath on such, sooner or later. Now I pray that this writing will be a blessing to all whom it may concern in the least. I have written it entirely to the glory of the Lord our God and thank Him that I can do even the least for His name's sake.

In Time Of Sickness, Call On God

CROMWELL, Ky. (Oct. 17)—I am praising God today for salvation. I am so glad that He has power to heal. About three weeks ago our little six months old baby took sick with an awful cold and a hot fever. You know we did not call the earthly doctor, but went down on our knees humbly before God and asked Him to rebuke the disease in Jesus' name, and He heard and answered prayer. Thank God! Nine years ago I learned to trust Jesus for both soul and body and I still find He is all-powerful. I have a little six year old child that has never tasted medicine or had any salve rubbed on. I desire the prayers of all God's children that I will live a close life with Jesus. Pray for my unsaved boys that God will save their souls before it is too late. A sister under the blood.—Mrs. Manassie Allen.

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McVEIGH, Ky.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I thank Him for the wonderful revival that was held here. It was conducted by Brother Jesse Sutherland of Pinson Fork, Ky. The Lord blessed from the first service to the last. The power of God was manifested in such a way that it was seen at different times, flashing thru the house and across the altar like streams of electricity.

The devil raged. Three big, strong men came to take Brother Sutherland out and whip him and send him home, and another man tried to burn the house down, but the more the devil howled, the hotter and straighter Brother Sutherland preached the Word of God. Despite all the devil could do, the Lord saved fourteen from sin, sanctified eight and baptized four with the Holy Ghost. People fell under the power on the highways going from church, and prayed thru to the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord for victory like this. The meeting ran eighteen days, and closed Sunday night, Sept. 2d. We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. Five came into the church and eight were baptized in water. God set His approval on the Word with signs following. My little grand-daughter had a stroke of paralysis and could not walk a step or move one of her arms. She could not talk, her mouth was drawn around to one side. We called for prayer for her and Brother Sutherland laid hands on her in the name of Jesus and she surely was healed. Anybody wanting a revival would not make a mistake in getting Brother Sutherland as he is a man who has the old-time, Holy Ghost salvation and stands foursquare for the Church of God. Pray for me that I may do more for the Lord in the future.—Your sister, Ernestine Griffith.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HEALING

WATERTOWN, Fla. (Dec. 10)—I want to write a few lines in regard to my healing. I was very low all last winter. The doctors said that I couldn't live, but I am here only to the answer to my husband's prayers. He just held on until God raised me up. Later I was taken sick again; I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and the day I received it I was healed. All praise to my blessed Redeemer! Pray earnestly that I will live always in the center of God's will and be ready to do anything for Him. One who wants more of God's love and power, Mrs. Ben F. Duke.

HONOR ROLL

As you will notice there are three on the honor roll this time. The stars will re-appear until we start the new drive. I would like for all the churches to be on the honor roll if possible. Those who haven't completed their quota will have the privilege of doing this in the next few weeks. All the churches who get on the honor roll will be placed on a list in alphabetical order, framed and hung up in the General Overseer's office.

Three More Churches

Chokoloskee, Fla. . . . . D. F. Baldree
Blue Diamond, Ky. . . . . R. H. Bell
East Boulder, Mont. . . . . M. L. Lowe

OBITUARIES

HAMPTON

On Dec. 2, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mrs. Lou Hampton and claimed for its victim her husband, Bro. Willie Hampton. He was 51 years, 9 months and 11 days of age. He was seriously ill for four weeks but he seemed to bear all his suffering with patience. He professed Christ several years ago. He received the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church to which he was a faithful member. He was a good husband, loving father, a good neighbor and had many friends. I believe the Lord saw him suffer enough and said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Come up higher." He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, five children, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Lawson Dillingham and his body was laid to rest in the Robertson Cemetery.

Thou art gone, our precious brother,
to that better realm above,
To be free from care and sorrow.
and to revel in His love.
We will meet you, precious brother,
in the sweet, sweet bye and bye.
There we will live with Jesus and
never say goodbye.—One who loved them all, Mrs. H. B. Boswell.

RIDGEWAY

On Nov. 30, 1928, at 8 p. m. the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cloread Shirley Ridgeway and claimed for its victim their darling baby, Jewel Christine. She was 5 months and 21 days old at the time of her death. She was very ill at the time of her sickness which lasted two weeks and three days. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God called her home to rest. She was so sweet and playful; everyone loved her. Perhaps she was called home to draw us closer to God. She leaves to mourn her death Father, Mother, one brother and four sisters. Also a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Bro. Woodard and her little body was laid to rest in Ebenyer Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Dear Christine, the days are sad and
lonely
Since you have gone so far away.
But Jesus loved you best
And called you home to rest
Sleep on, take your rest
You are free from sorrows and care
We'll meet you at the gate.
She was just a bud on earth to bloom in Heaven. Her cousins who loved her, Oathel and Nellie Ridgeway.

GERNAND

Sister Mattie Gernand was born 1882 and died Oct. 16, 1928, being 46 years of age. Last winter she had been very sick but had gotten better and had been doing her house work, something she had not done for months. She has now passed her last enemy which was death. She was a member of the Church of God. was kind and gentle and always had a smile for everyone.

She was found unconscious, in her home sitting beside a table upon which there was a phone. This was about 6 o'clock in the evening and she lived until 10 o'clock that night. They thought she must have been talking over the phone when she fell. Sister Gernand is gone but not forgotten. She leaves to mourn her loss, two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, husband other relatives, and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. C. W. Kerce. One who loves her,—Mrs. C. W. Kerce, Ardmore, Okla.

SCALF

On Nov. 1928 the death angel visited the home of Charles Scalf and claimed his daughter Viola Scalf. She was on of the first to receive the Holy Ghost and become a member of the Church of God in Elizabethton and lived a sweet Christian life and was ever faithful in the Lord's services. Her testimonies and prayers still live on. Her last testimony was that she was ready to go, She shouted victory and spoke in other tongues and said she was ready to go to be with Jesus and mamma. It was so sad to give her up, but so glad to know she had sweet victory. She leaves to mourn her departure father two sisters and two brothers. a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Childers and her body laid to rest beside her mother in Colbough Cemetery, at Elizabethton, Tenn.

NORRIS

On Tuesday morning, Nov. 27, 1928, the Lord visited the home of Bro. G. W. Norris and claimed his darling little daughter, Cleo, which was 11 years and 10 months. She was saved sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, a member of the Church of God and trusted the Lord with her body through the serious case of malaria fever. She died with a bright testimony that everything was right between her and God. She was willing to trust Him to the end. She leaves to mourn her death a father and mother, four brothers and three sisters.

Brother J. A. Hipps conducted the funeral service, and she was laid to rest in the Tiff County Cemetery. A sister in Christ, Mrs. Gracie Smith.

NEWMAN

SALE CREEK, Tenn. Mrs. Ann Newman departed this life Nov. 16 1928. She was 90 years, 11 months and 7 days old. She lived to see her fifth generation and is survived by two sons and four daughters. A number of friends and relatives are left to mourn her death. She was a member of the M. E. church for 45 years; she was sanctified but didn't have the Holy Ghost. She was laid to rest in the Rogers Cemetery.

I will never forget how the glory of God shone on her face when Jesus called her from this world of sorrow and tears; I am glad of the hopes we have of seeing her on the banks of sweet deliverance. She did as Paul. She finished her course and kept the faith, now she has gone to receive her crown of glory. A sweet smile came over her face just as the last breath left her. Her daughter, Mrs. E. D. Brumbley.

CASSELL

Mrs. Mary Jane Cassell departed this life to be with Jesus on May 13, 1928. She was 94 years of age. She was saved, sanctified and had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. To know Grandma was to love her and we miss her so. We would liked to have kept her but God knew best. Her funeral was conducted by Bro. H. O. Kurk, our pastor, and her body was laid to rest in a little cemetery near Finney, Va. to await the resurrection.

Sleep on dear Grandma,
And take your rest.
For God who called you,
Always knows best.
While we on earth are left to
mourn,
We expect to meet you on that
bright morn.—One who loved her, Mrs. Howard Musick.

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10 YEAR OLD BOY TESTIFIES

LIBERIA, Fla. (Oct. 17)—Dear Evangel readers: Just a few lines to let the world know of this salvation. I am a boy ten years old and am thanking God for His great love to me. He saved my soul, sanctified me, and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am asking the saints everywhere to pray that God will help me as I grow up, to be strong and to be a soldier for Jesus, my Savior. O, I do thank God for His love to me. I am yours in Jesus.—James Johnson.

An Open Field

THOMPSONVILLE, Tex. (Nov. 30)—Dear Evangel Readers: Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! I praise Him for the sweet peace in my soul. Oh! He is so merciful unto His children, and yet it seems as if we do so little for Him. I'm so glad that there is one thing we can do that no one can do for us and that is live a clean Christian life and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. I am so glad all the worldly desires are gone and the vacancy is filled with Jesus' love. Glory, Glory to His name!

I can truly praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. One morning while I was preparing breakfast I spilled a tea-cup of boiling grease on my hand. It ran between my fingers on the back of my hand. The pain was very great so I immediately called for the elders of the church to pray for me. Oh! praise His dear name! The sweet healing power went over my hand and it never did blister. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! Oh! isn't it wonderful to have such a true friend?

Remember me in your prayers as we have no church here of any kind to go to. We have prayer meetings in our home nearly every night, but that is not like hearing a real Holy Ghost sermon. We are asking the Lord to send us an evangelist to hold a meeting here. There is a good opening for the right party. If you are a true blue Church of God preacher come on down South and win souls for God. Remember us in your prayers. A sister under the Blood,—(Miss) Mable Barr.

WORKERS NEEDED

WYNDAL, W. Va. (Dec. 3,)—Greetings in Jesus' name to all God's people scattered abroad: It has been some time since I have written to the Evangel calling for help here at Wyndal. Well glory to God for answering prayer. Bless His dear name! Some of you will remember reading my call and also the report I sent in about Bro. Vaught coming this way and preaching to us twice each month for a while. Eternity alone can tell the good that was done thru Bro. Vaught's preaching. He could not stay with us over two nigths at a time and has not been back since August. Thank God! we did not give up praying for help and God sent Bro. and Sis. C. W. Watkins and their little daughter here. He provided a way for them to stay here and help fight the devil until victory came. One dear soul was saved, and sanctified, one reclaimed, two are seeking for the Holy Ghost, and several are looking this way. A good Sunday School was set in order with forty-one members. Praise God for victory! We observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing at the close of the meeting as this would be the last meeting for a while. Saints pray hard for us as we need your prayers for Old Satan is mad because he lost some souls he thought he had. Glory, glory be to our King Jesus! Bless His dear name!

I want to ask all the dear saints of God to pray a special prayer for my boys and girls and my dear companion to come this way before it is too late. They have all seen the light and know this is the way, but there is so much false doctrine and especially in the Holiness movement that my folks have their eyes on everything the devil points out to them. Of course, he thinks he might overthrow me through them but he had just as well stop trying to get me for I am Heaven bound and I feel like it won't be long until I can see Jesus as He is. Bless His name! Won't that be fine to meet our Elder Brother and all the redeemed ones that have gone on before. I can almost see mother beckoning for me to come on. Thank God! There will be no tempter there; all will be peace and joy and love forever more. Bless the Lord! If anyone feels led by the Lord to come this way and give us a lift, my doors are open to the full Gospel rightly divided. I will not accept any junk, just clean Gospel foursquare for God. No wolves need come this way, for we have plenty of them now. We want the good sheep. May God bless everyone that reads this is my prayer. Clara A. Rounsey.

Signs of Our Savior's Coming

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 30)—I want to sound the high praises of God thru the blessed Evangel. First I want to praise God for redeeming even me, sanctifying and filling me with His Holy Spirit and adding me to the dear old Church of God. We indeed want to thank and praise Him for blessing in the meeting which was held in Hazlewood, N. C. I left Orlando, Fla. to go there to preach the gospel, as Brother Boyd Hart of Virginia was over at Cullowhee holding a meeting, we went over there and I was asked to help there and did. I stayed there and prached and did all I could to get souls saved, and then Brother Hart moved his tent to Hazlewood where we began a meeting, July 14th, which closed Sept. 10th. God wonderfully blessed. Twenty-five precious souls were saved, nine sanctified and ten received the blessed Holy Ghost. People from far and near came and said it was the best and greatest meeting ever held there. The business men of Hazlewood and Waynesville said they never saw nor heard of such a good meeting. Even the doctors, when visiting the sick, spoke of the good meeting. One real estate man, also a bishop of the M.E. church of Waynesville, said he never heard such good preaching in his life, said he would give $25.00 for this gospel to be preached in his church. I only want to do God's will and preach the blessed Bible as it is. A church was set in order, one deacon ordained, and twelve added to the Church of God. We also had the pastor from Clyde, Brother Wright, with his music, which was great. God also blessed him in preaching there too. Brother E. D. Hopkins of Cullowhee was there and he surely preaches the Word of God and stands solid on the Word and the Church of God.

I have been praying for this very meeting nearly fourteen years, at last God has answered prayer. Dear readers, let's pray more and work for Jesus, as never before, the time is so near, the harvest truly is ripe, but the laborers are few. Who will say, Here am I, send me! These awful storms that have been sweeping the country are just foretelling the coming of our Savior. Ah, beloved, let's keep the oil in our vessels, for we know not what hour our Lord shall come. I'm longing for the home where there'll be no storms, in heaven no mighty ocean billows, no wounded people, no impure air, no fallen buildings, no sinking sand. Our Savior gives an invitation to every fallen man, Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

There is coming a day when you may call but God will not answer. Today is the day of salvation. Hear the voice of God and be prepared at any moment's call. May God bless all who read this, and pray for me.—Maude Futrell.

It Is Joy, Joy, Joy

WARRIOR, Ala. (Feb. 17)—I promised the Lord a long time ago that I would write to the Evangel and tell people of His mighty power and of how He has blessed us. I praise the Lord for a free and full salvation. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides.

I praise the Lord for the great Church of God of which I am a member. Jesus told me to tell the people He was coming back to this earth again, and He also showed me to point them from darkness to the light. He told me to preach the Gospel and He would be with me. Sinners might say, how do you know? Because He told me in a way that was plainly understood. I can never praise Him enough for His mighty power and goodness to me. He has said to ask and believe. Pray for me that I may ever believe. I know God has all power, and without Him I can do nothing, but by His mighty helping power I am ready to obey His calling. Pray that God will make a way for us to go out in the battlefield for Him. I want to stay true and tell people about God's wonderful plan of salvation that they too might be made free. O I would to God that everybody had the blessed Holy Ghost. You that haven't got it don't know what great joy is. People wake up, it is for you and your children and them that are afar off, even as many as our Lord God shall call. He is calling someone today, don't you hear Him knocking? Open wide the door of your heart and let Him in. Hear Him while He is calling, for He may call you never more. Pray that God will anoint me with His mighty power. Pray a special prayer for my mother and father, brother, and sisters to be saved. Pray for me and my husband to stand true. Your humble sister under the blood.—Dollie Childers, Ro[illegible] No. 3.